



*Martin O'Malley, Governor  
Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor  
John R. Griffin, Secretary  
Joseph P. Gill, Deputy Secretary*

Meeting of the MD DNR Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission  
Teleconference  
March 12, 2012  
10-11:30 AM

**Meeting Summary of Motions & Actions**

**Commissioners Present:** Chairman Jim Gracie, Vice Chairman Bill Windley, Bill Goldsborough, Val Lynch, Larry Coburn, Brandon White, Ed O'Brien, Roger Trageser, Dave Sikorski, Dave Smith, Herb Smith

**Commissioners Absent:** James Wommack, Carol Stevenson, Dr. Ray Morgan, Greg Jetton

**DNR Staff:** Martin Gary, Don Cosden, Carrie Kennedy, Sarah Widman, Sgt. Glenn Lay (NRP)

**Members of the Public:** Sue Foster (CFAC), Terry McGean (Town of Ocean City)

**Motions**

- Motion by Commissioner Lynch to approve the criteria of Free Fishing Areas as stated in DNR's Free Fishing Area memorandum with consideration of additional areas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Sikorski. Vote: 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion passes.
- Motion by Commissioner Lynch to approve the three free fishing areas requested by the Town of Ocean City and the Coastal Fisheries Advisory Committee (Northside Park @ 125<sup>th</sup> Street, bulkhead behind the Ocean City Convention Center, and Chicago Avenue bulkhead along 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> streets), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Windley. Vote: 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion passes.
- Motion by Commissioner Windley for the Commission to support HB 1305, granting DNR authorization to create Free Fishing Areas in non tidal waters. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Smith. Vote: 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion passes.

**Action Items**

- Provide the Commission with confirmation from MD DNR Fisheries Service Director Tom O'Connell that DNR Fisheries Service will commit resources to tie the management of Free Fishing Areas to a marketing plan.
- The Department will convene a work group to address sport fishing marketing efforts. The work group will include: Chairman Gracie, Commissioner Sikorski and Commissioner White.
- Enter the March 11, 2012 E Mail from Commissioner Lynch into the public record
- Proposed regulatory ideas for Spanish mackerel and black sea bass will be scoped through a variety methods including, but not limited to: DNR website, social media (Facebook & Twitter), and directed e mails (via MD DNR's Fisheries opt in e mail subscription service). There will not be a formal scoping meeting. DNR will update the SFAC at the April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.